TAXABLE YEAR

1997

Instructions for Automatic Extension for Limited Partnerships, LLPs and REMICs

CALIFORNIA FORM

3538

General Information

If a limited partnership, limited liability partnership (LLP) or real estate mortgage investment conduit (REMIC) cannot file its California partnership return by the 15th day of the fourth month following the close of the taxable year (fiscal year filers) or April 15, 1998 (calendar year filers), it may file its partnership return on or before the 15th day of the tenth month following the close of the taxable year (fiscal year filers) or October 15, 1998 (calendar year filers), without filing a written request.

However, to avoid late payment penalties and interest, 100% of the limited partnership's, LLP's or REMIC's tax liability of \$800 must be paid by the 15th day of the fourth month following the close of the taxable year (fiscal year filers) or April 15, 1998 (calendar year filers). Use the payment voucher below to mail in the payment. Enter the tax due on the form FTB 3538 voucher below and mail only the detached voucher portion with the payment to:

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD PO BOX 942857 SACRAMENTO CA 94257-0651 If the return is filed by the 15th day of the tenth month following the close of the taxable year (fiscal year filers) or October 15, 1998 (calendar year filers), the return will qualify for the extension.

Penalties and Interest

Remember, an extension of time to **file** the partnership, LLP or REMIC return is not an extension of time to **pay** the tax. If the limited partnership, LLP or REMIC fails to **pay** its total tax liability by the 15th day of the fourth month following the close of the taxable year (fiscal year filers) or April 15, 1998 (calendar year filers), a late payment penalty plus interest will be added to the partnership tax due. If the limited partnership, LLP or REMIC does not **file** its return by the 15th day of the tenth month following the close of the taxable year (fiscal year filers) or October 15, 1998 (calendar year filers), no extension exists and a late filling penalty and interest will be assessed.

